

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4 to 7, 9 to 10, 12 to 17, 19 to 28, 30 to 39 and 41 to 70 remain in this Application. Claims 2 to 3, 8, 11, 18, 29, 40 and 71 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 4, 9, 12, 14, 21, 22, 24, 30, 32, 33, 35, 41, 42, 44, 50, 54 and 56 to 58 are currently amended.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claim 3 and 12 to 70 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed upon submission of amendments to overcome the 112 rejections. Applicants thank the Examiner for that acknowledgement and have taken the Examiner's suggestion and incorporated the limitations of claim 3 into claim 1.

This application was subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group 1, Claims 1 to 71, directed to triazine compounds and compositions. Applicants have amended all claims to define Z as nitrogen such that the invention is now directed to triazine compounds and compositions.

The rejection of claims 1, 12, 22, 33, 42, 50, 54, and 56 to 58 under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph for the term "blocking group" as being indefinite has been rendered moot by the amendment to these claims. The amendments have defined the term blocking group. Support for the amendments can be found on page 45, lines 1 to 16 in the specification.

The rejection of the phrase "or methane, and at least two Z are nitrogen" in the claims have been rendered moot by the amendments since this phrase has been deleted.

The rejection of claims 11, 21, 32 and 41 under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph for the phrase "each Z is nitrogen" has been rendered moot by the amendments to these claims.

With respect to Claims 8, 18, 29 and 40, Applicants have taken the Examiner's advice and cancelled these claims.

With respect to Claims 9 and 30, the dependency of these claims has been revised to non-cancelled claims 6 and 27 respectively.

The rejection of Claims 1 to 2, 4 to 11 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) has been rendered moot. In order to expedite the prosecution of this Application, Applicants have taken the Examiner's suggestion and incorporated the limitations of claim 3 into claim 1. Claims 1, 4 to 7 and 9 to 10 should now be allowable.

It should be noted that the term "alkyl" to one skilled in the art would include straight, branched or cycloalkyl and Applicants wish to clarify understanding by adding that in claim 1.

The rejection of Claim 71 under 35 U.S.C 102(b) has been rendered moot by the cancellation of this claim.